

Amendments to the Claims

1-3. (cancelled)

4. (original) A method of securing in abutment two rectangular-section tubular metal members (23, 24) having longitudinal axes extending mutually at right angles, comprising punching or drilling at least two first holes (30, 32) in one wall (31, 33) of each of the metal members (23, 24), acting through the first holes (30, 32) so formed to burst second holes (34, 36), respective to each of the first holes (30, 32), in the opposite walls (35, 37) of the metal members (23, 24) to form outwardly-extending collars (38, 39), screw threading the collars (39) in one of the metal members (23), engaging the collars (38) of the other of the metal members (34) in the first holes (32) of the one of the metal members (23), and engaging bolts through respective ones of the aligned first and second holes (32, 32, 34, 36) in the metal members (23, 24) to engage the screw threads in the collars (39) of the one of the metal members (23) to clamp the metal members (23, 24) together.

5-8. (cancelled)